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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Firefighters and Ambulance and Rescue Squadmen -**
3 **Tuition Assistance**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain firefighters and
5 ambulance and rescue squadmen be residents of the State to receive certain
6 tuition assistance for courses credited toward a certain degree; and generally
7 relating to tuition assistance for firefighters and ambulance and rescue
8 squadmen.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 18-603
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Education**

17 18-603.

18 (a) There is a program of tuition assistance under this section.

19 (b) Any career or volunteer firefighter, ambulance or rescue squad member
20 [who is a resident of Maryland] shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the
21 Office for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the 4-year public
22 institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than
23 the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland,
24 Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate,
25 for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology or emergency medical
26 technology.

1 (c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the Office
2 no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for which tuition
3 reimbursement is sought.

4 (2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each
5 academic year.

6 (3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or
7 actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad
8 member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2004.